

Research manager (50%), ERC project LeibnizDream

The Leibniz-Center General Linguistics (ZAS, www.leibniz-zas.de) invites applications for a half-time position in the ERC research project LeibnizDream (www.leibnizdream.eu), PIs Sauerland, Alexiadou, and Guasti, starting January 1st, 2021 or soon thereafter. The regulations of German limited term contract law apply. For applicants who haven't worked at ZAS before the initial contract would be for 24 months. Pay is at 50% of the E13 level of the German TVöD payscale.

Important data:

application deadline: September 15th, 2020

start date: January 1st, 2021 or soon thereafter

Requirements:

- strong research experience in linguistics
- outstanding research leadership abilities
- Ph.D. degree in a relevant field

Desired assets:

- advanced familiarity with linguistic theory
- proven team work abilities in large research projects
- commitment to open science

Duties:

You supervise several small research teams consisting of experts on language acquisition, morphology and semantics. You work closely with the PIs and the project researchers to ensure the timely completion of the studies. Each team designs and evaluates a cross-linguistic acquisition study to test the Meaning First view of grammar the project is based on. The comparative experiments are carried out across up to 50 different languages in collaboration with partners across the globe following the specification of the project grant. We target six different areas of morpho-syntax/semantics, 1) the expression of causation and agency, and 2) of motion events, 3) the binary connectives, 4) negative concepts such as exclusion, antonyms, and negation, 5) quantificational concepts including genericity and distributivity, and 6) dependencies most frequently analyzed as variable binding (wh-questions, relative clauses, degree clauses).

The project aims for cultural diversity and gender balance of its staff. The project furthermore seeks to implement the principles of open science. ZAS is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications must be submitted via electronic mail and include the following four items (1, 2 and 3 in PDF format) to sauerland@leibniz-zas.de: 1) a letter of intent specifying research experience and plans; 2) the curriculum vitae including a complete list of publications; 3) electronic copies of up to three representative publications; and 4) the names and email addresses of at least two scholars to be contacted for letters of recommendation. Interested researchers wishing for secure communication with PGP can contact us for the necessary encryption key.

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